

REMARKS

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues deemed remaining after consideration of this amendment.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for a two month extension of time. The petition contains authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0365 for the required fee for such extension. The grant of this extension makes August 15, 2006 the due date for response instead of June 15, 2006.

In order to preserve Applicants' right to appeal, Applicants are also submitting a Notice of Appeal. The Notice authorizes a charge to our Deposit Account No. 19-0365 for the required fee for the Notice of Appeal.

The claims have been amended to expedite prosecution, to remove grounds of appeal, and to place the claims in better condition for appeal.

No fee is deemed due for the claim amendments. However, if any fee is deemed due then authorization is given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-0365.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the deleted subject matter in an appropriately filed continuing application.

Also, in Claim 1, in the definition of R⁷ and R⁸, in sub paragraph (j), an obvious inadvertent error has been corrected.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 29, 30, 40 and 41 have been amended.

Claims 3, 4, 7-28, 31-36, 38, 39, 43-50, 52, 53, 55-58, 60-63, and 70-73 are as originally filed

Claims 37, 42, and 64-67 were previously presented

Claims 51, 54, 59, 86-93, 112-119, and 132 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 133 has been added. Claim 133 is Claim 132 rewritten for ease of amendment to delete the example numbers. Some compounds originally in Claim 132 were not claimed in Claim 133 in order to better define Applicants invention. Applicants reserve the right to pursue such compounds in an appropriately filed continuing application.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6-50, 52-53, 55-58, 60-67, 70-73 and 133 remain in the Application.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. 112 (first paragraph)

Claims 86-93, and 112-119 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons of record.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants' specification does contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and does set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventors of carrying out the invention.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled the method claims without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in an appropriately filed continuing application.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph)

Claims 86-93, 112-119 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the reasons of record.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants' specification does conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled the method claims without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in an appropriately filed continuing application.

Claim 132 has been rewritten as Claim 133 for ease of amendment in removing the example numbers from the claim.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Rejection – 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

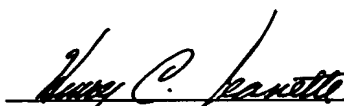
Claims 1-2, 8, 29, 33, 132 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schostarez et al. for the reasons of record.

Claims 1-2, 8 29 and 133 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martinez et al.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims so that the generic scope does not include the compounds in the cited references.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,


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